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fee, the proposed fee, and the date of last increase. And I would notice, if you would notice, 1969 to 1987 when the last time these fees were increased for Public Service Commission in these particular areas. Note all the money goes to the General Fund. It's not a huge amount, \$88,930 up to \$164,800. No one testified in opposition to the bills. The intent is simply to come closer to covering the administrative costs. If you also would notice that the PSC, in the middle of the page, had hearings regarding the possibilities of cash funding the agency, and that was a bill last year we had, or maybe even two years ago, by Senator Beutler. This does not propose to totally cash fund. This simply raises the fees to a reasonable level to cover the costs. And so I think it's appropriate that we do this after the time span that's elapsed in terms of when these fees were last raised, and in general I think they're fairly modest. And since there was no opposition in the testimony, I think they are...appear reasonable and I'd urge your adoption of this amendment, which includes my part of it, LB 321. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on the Baker amendment, AM1981.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I have to ask a question of the Chair. If a bill is killed in committee and that bill is attempted to be amended into another bill, does it take more than 25 votes to do that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: The answer is yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So how many votes would it take to adopt these amendments, 30?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thirty votes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I would like to ask, if I may, a question of the Chairperson of the Telecommunications Committee or Transportation Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond? Did you mean Senator Baker, Senator Chambers?